

from General Stephen W. Wilson, USAF, Vice Chief of Staff, and Randall G. Walden, Director, Rapid Capabilities Office, both of the Air Force, Department of Defense.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Mark Anthony Calabria, of Virginia, to be Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, Bimal Patel, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Secretary, and Dino Falaschetti, of Montana, to be Director, Office of Financial Research, both of the Department of the Treasury, Todd M. Harper, of Virginia, and Rodney Hood, of North Carolina, both to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board, Spencer Bachus III, of Alabama, and Judith DelZoppo Pryor, of Ohio, both to be a Member of the Board of Directors, and Kimberly A. Reed, of West Virginia, to be President, all of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and Seth Daniel Appleton, of Missouri, and Robert Hunter Kurtz, of Virginia, both to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

#### SEMIANNUAL MONETARY POLICY REPORT TO THE CONGRESS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Semiannual Monetary Policy Report to the Congress, after receiving testimony from Jerome H. Powell, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

#### CONNECTING AMERICA

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Transportation and Safety concluded a hearing to examine connecting America, focusing on intermodal connections across our surface transportation network, after receiving testimony from Chuck Baker, American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association, Washington, D.C.; Noel Hacegaba, Port of Long Beach, Long Beach, California, on behalf of the Intermodal Association of North America; Donna Lemm, IMC Companies, Inc., Memphis, Tennessee, on behalf of the Agri-

culture Transportation Coalition; and Joseph Szabo, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, Chicago, Illinois, on behalf of the Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors.

#### UNITED STATES TERRITORIES

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the state of the United States territories, after receiving testimony from Puerto Rico Governor Ricardo Rossello, San Juan; Guam Governor Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, Adelup; United States Virgin Islands Governor Albert Bryan, Jr., St. Thomas; and Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Governor Ralph Deleon Guerrero Torres, Saipan.

#### DRUG PRICING

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine drug pricing in America, after receiving testimony from Richard A. Gonzalez, AbbVie Inc., North Chicago, Illinois; Pascal Soriot, AstraZeneca, Wilmington, Delaware; Giovanni Caforio, Bristol-Myers Squibb, and Albert Bourla, Pfizer, both of New York, New York; Jennifer Taubert, Johnson and Johnson, New Brunswick, New Jersey; Kenneth C. Frazier, Merck and Co., Inc., Kenilworth, New Jersey; and Olivier Brandicourt, Sanofi, Bridgewater, New Jersey.

#### YEMEN

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* On Monday, February 25, 2019, Committee received a closed briefing on the conflict in Yemen from Timothy A. Lenderking, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Arabian Gulf Affairs, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State; and Michael P. Mulroy, Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Middle East, Department of Defense.

#### 2019 ANNUAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY REPORT TO CONGRESS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Intellectual Property concluded a hearing to examine the 2019 Annual Intellectual Property Report to Congress, after receiving testimony from Vishal Amin, Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator, Executive Office of the President.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 29 public bills, H.R. 4, 1356–1383; and 6 resolutions, H.

Con. Res. 21; and H. Res. 148–152, were introduced.

Pages H2232–34

Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H2235–36

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Kelly (IL) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2105**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:41 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H2109**

**Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2019 and Enhanced Background Checks Act of 2019—Rule for Consideration:** The House agreed to H. Res. 145, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 8) to require a background check for every firearm sale, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1112) to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to strengthen the background check procedures to be followed before a Federal firearms licensee may transfer a firearm to a person who is not such a licensee, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 91, after the previous question was ordered by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 229 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 90. **Pages H2119–28**

**Committee Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Levin (MI) wherein he resigned from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. **Page H2130**

**Committee Election:** The House agreed to H. Res. 148, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives. **Page H2130**

**Clerk Designation:** Read a letter from the Clerk wherein she designated Ms. Gloria Lett, Deputy Clerk, Mr. Robert Reeves, Deputy Clerk, and Lloyd Horwich, Legal Counsel, to sign any and all papers and do all other acts in case of her temporary absence or disability. **Page H2130**

**Extension of time:** Agreed by unanimous consent that debate under clause 1(c) of rule XV on a motion to suspend the rules relating to S. 47 be extended to 50 minutes. **Page H2141**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

**Natural Resources Management Act:** S. 47, to provide for the management of the natural resources of the United States, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-a-and-nay vote of 363 yeas to 62 nays, Roll No. 95. **Pages H2218–19**

**Relating to a national emergency declared by the President on February 15, 2019:** The House passed H.J. Res. 46, relating to a national emergency declared by the President on February 15, 2019, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 245 yeas to 182 nays, Roll No. 94. **Pages H2130–41, H2217–18**

H. Res. 144, the rule providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 46) was agreed to by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 229 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 93, after the previous question was ordered by

a ye-a-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 92. **Pages H2128–30**

**Directing the Secretary of the Senate to make a correction in the enrollment of the bill S. 47:** The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 21, directing the Secretary of the Senate to make a correction in the enrollment of the bill S. 47. **Page H2219**

**Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: Representative McGovern, Chair. **Pages H2221–22**

**Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member to serve as Co-Chair of the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission: Representative McGovern. **Page H2222**

**Migratory Bird Conservation Commission—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission: Representative Thompson (CA). **Page H2222**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Six ye-a-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2127–28, H2128, H2128–29, H2129–30, H2217–18, and H2218–19. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### PUBLIC WITNESS HEARING

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled "Public Witness Hearing". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### OVERSIGHT HEARING: UNDERSTANDING THE CHANGING CLIMATE SYSTEM AND THE ROLE OF CLIMATE RESEARCH

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled "Oversight Hearing: Understanding the Changing Climate System and the Role of Climate Research". Testimony was heard from Michael H. Freilich, Director, Earth Science Division, Science Mission Directorate, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and Neil Jacobs, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Environmental Observation and Prediction, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce.